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Claim Amendments

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (currently amended): In an in-drum drying installation, a drum for receiving liquids to which solids have been added, from nuclear power stations, the drum comprising:

a body having one open end and an inner chamber; and

a convex loss plate closing off said body, said loss plate having an opening formed therein.

Claim 2 (currently amended): The device according to claim 1, wherein said opening is centrally disposed in said convex loss plate.

Claim 3 (cancelled).

Claim 4 (currently amended): The device according to claim 1, wherein said convex loss plate has a peripheral thickening at said opening.

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Claim 5 (original): The device according to claim 4, wherein said peripheral thickening is a rib.

Claim 6 (original): The device according to claim 4, wherein said peripheral thickening is a web.

Claim 7 (original): The device according to claim 4, wherein said peripheral thickening is a bead.

Claim 8 (currently amended): In an in-drum drying installation, a drum for receiving liquid waste to which solids have been added, from nuclear power stations, the drum comprising:

a body having one open end and an inner chamber; and

a convex loss plate closing off said body, said loss convex plate having an opening formed therein.

Claim 9 (currently amended): In an in-drum drying installation, a device for removing liquid from a receiving device having a body with one open end and an inner receiving chamber, and a loss plate closing off the body and having an opening formed therein, the device for removing liquid comprising:

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an inner chamber;

a pipe communicating with said inner chamber for leading away liquid; and

a cover for bearing on the receiving device, said cover having an opening formed therein in the vicinity of said inner chamber, said cover having a side facing toward the receiving device, and said cover having at least one seal at said side for bearing on the loss plate.

Claim 10 (original): The device according to claim 9, wherein said cover has an outer periphery and a further seal on said outer periphery for bearing on the receiving device.

Claim 11 (original): The device according to claim 9, including a cleaning device for said inner chamber.

Claim 12 (original): The device according to claim 9, wherein said inner chamber is substantially cylindrical.

Claim 13 (original): In an in-drum drying installation, a device for removing liquid from a receiving device having a loss plate, the device for removing liquid comprising:

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an inner chamber;

a pipe communicating with said inner chamber for leading away liquid; and

a cover for bearing on the receiving device, said cover having an opening formed therein in the vicinity of said inner chamber, said cover having a side facing toward the receiving device, and said cover having at least one seal at said side for bearing on the loss plate.